



ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A liferaft system comprising a container (10) containing an inflatable liferaft (24) in a hermetically sealed first bag (23) and an emergency pack (29) connected to the liferaft (24) so that, upon inflation of the liferaft (24), the emergency pack (29) is automatically drawn into the liferaft (24), the container (10) being separable to allow deployment of the liferaft (24) and including a hatch (33) through which the emergency pack is to be removed and replaced, and wherein the container has an interior, the interior being divided into first and second compartments, the first compartment containing the hermetically sealed first bag and the second compartment containing the emergency pack.
2. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein the sealed first bag (23) includes an inflation system (25,26) for the liferaft.
3. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein the emergency pack (29) is in a second bag (30), the second bag (30) being connected to the liferaft (24) and being openable to allow removal and replacement of the emergency pack (29).
4. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein the container (10) is cylindrical with an outer wall of generally circular cross-section and ends closed by respective end walls (14,15), said hatch (33) being formed in an one of said end walls (14).
5. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 4 wherein the hatch comprises a generally planar member (33) releasably fixed to the remainder of the container (10).

6. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 5 wherein the hatch ~~(33)~~ is the shape of a segment of a circle.
7. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 4 wherein the hatch ~~(33)~~ is connected to the remainder of the container by threaded bolts ~~(36)~~.
8. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 13 wherein the container ~~(10)~~ has an interior, the interior being divided into first and second compartments, the first compartment containing the hermetically sealed bag ~~(23)~~ and the second compartment containing the emergency pack ~~(29)~~.
9. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 8-1 wherein the first compartment is formed in a lower portion ~~(12)~~ of the container and the second compartment in an upper portion ~~(11)~~ of the container.
10. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 9 wherein the interior of the container is divided into said first and second compartments by a divider ~~(32)~~ resting on the hermetically sealed first bag ~~(23)~~, the emergency pack ~~(29)~~ resting on the divider ~~(32)~~.
11. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 10 wherein the divider is formed by at least one panel ~~(32)~~ resting on the hermetically sealed first bag ~~(23)~~.
12. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 8-1 wherein the second compartment includes a second emergency pack ~~(30)~~ connected to the liferaft ~~(24)~~ so that, upon inflation of the liferaft ~~(24)~~, the second emergency pack ~~(30)~~ is automatically drawn into the liferaft ~~(24)~~.
13. (Currently Amended) A liferaft system according to claim 1 comprising a container containing an inflatable liferaft in a hermetically sealed bag and an emergency pack

connected to the liferaft so that, upon inflation of the liferaft, the emergency pack is automatically drawn into the liferaft, the container being separable to allow deployment of the liferaft and including a hatch through which the emergency pack is to be removed and replaced, wherein the hermetically sealed bag (23) includes a device (27) for indicating humidity in the hermetically sealed bag, the device (27) being visible from the exterior of the container.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of servicing a liferaft system comprising a container (10) containing an inflatable liferaft (24) in a hermetically sealed bag (23) and an emergency pack (29) connected to the liferaft (24) so that upon inflation of the liferaft (24), the emergency pack (29) is automatically drawn into the liferaft (24), and wherein the container has an interior, the interior being divided into first and second compartments, the first compartment containing the hermetically sealed bag and the second compartment containing the emergency pack, the method comprising the steps of:

checking humidity in the hermetically sealed bag to see if an integrity of the hermetically sealed bag has been compromised,

accessing the emergency pack (29) in the second compartment through a hatch (33) in the container (10),

removing the emergency pack (29) from the second compartment through the hatch (33) while the liferaft in the hermetically sealed bag contained in the first compartment remains undisturbed,

inserting a replacement emergency pack (29) through the hatch (33) into the second compartment of the container (10) and

connecting the replacement emergency pack (29) to the liferaft (24).